

1. A bunion correction device comprising:

signal generator means for generating the electrical signal and applying the generated signal to the at least one electrode.

3. The device of claim 1 wherein the generating means includes means for applying a generated signal to two electrodes.

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4. The device of claim 1 wherein the signal generator includes means for generating a plurality of pulses and includes means for setting the pulses in the range of 0-80 mA peak with either a positive or negative pulse into a 500 ohm load.

20 5. The device of claim 4 wherein the means for generating includes means for generating the

pulse at a frequency in the range of about 2Hz to 150Hz.

6. The device of claim 4 wherein the means for generating includes means for generating the pulse with a width in the range of about 60:s to 250:s.

5 7. The device of claim 4 wherein the means for generating includes means for generating bursts of said pulses of about 7 pulses at a maximum pulse rate.

8. The device of claim 4 wherein the means for generating includes means for generating bursts of pulses twice a second.

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9. The device of claim 2 wherein the strap means comprises a first strap for encircling the big toe and a second strap for encircling the foot.

10. The device of claim 2 including two spaced electrodes arranged on the strap means for
15 overlying the abductor hallucis muscle of the foot in two spaced locations.

11. The device of claim 3 wherein the means for generating includes means for independently generating the two signals and applying a different signal to each electrode.

20 12. A method of correcting a bunion condition in a foot comprising the step of applying an

electrical signal to the abductor hallucis muscle to strengthen the abductor hallucis muscle and counter balance the strength of the adductor hallucis muscle to correct for an imbalance between the two muscles.

5 13. The method of claim 12 including the step of applying repetitive cycles of electrical pulses to the abductor muscle.

14. The method of claim 13 including the step of generating pulses that are modified square waves at a pulse repetition rate of 2Hz to 150 Hz and at a pulse width of about 60:s to 250:s.

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15. The method of claim 14 including the step of cyclically increasing the pulse width.

16. The method of claim 15 including the step of varying the pulse width in repetitive 4 second cycles.

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17. The method of claim 12 including the step of wrapping the foot and big toe of the foot with a corresponding strap, attaching at least one electrode to the strap with the electrode abutting the foot and then applying the electrical signal to the electrode.

20 18. The method of claim 12 including optimizing the signal to maximize said correction by

adjusting the signal parameters until an optimum signal is generated.

19. The method of claim 12 including periodically applying the signal to the foot.

5 20. The method of claim 19 including applying the signal in the range of 15-30 minutes daily.

21. The method of claim 12 including cyclically tightening and relaxing the abductor hallucis muscle with the electrical signal in repetitive periods.

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22. A method of correcting an imbalance condition in a limb of an animal wherein the limb is controlled by at least first and second counteracting muscles wherein the first muscle is stronger than the second muscle causing the limb to be pulled from its normal quiescent position by the first muscle to a distorted position comprising the step of applying an
15 electrical signal to the second muscle to strengthen the second muscle to thereby counter balance the strength of the first muscle to correct the imbalance between the two muscles and cause the limb to assume the normal position.